

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2960

As Passed House:
February 8, 2006

Title: An act relating to rates for the rental of county equipment.

Brief Description: Determining rates for the rental of county equipment.

Sponsors: By Representative Kessler.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Local Government: 1/23/06, 1/30/06 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/8/06, 97-1.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows an appointee of the county legislative body to set the rates for rental equipment owned by the Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Simpson, Chair; Clibborn, Vice Chair; Schindler, Ranking Minority Member; Ahern, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; B. Sullivan, Takko and Woods.

Staff: Stephanie Toby (786-7106).

Background:

Every county must have an equipment rental and revolving fund (fund) for:

- the purchase, maintenance, and repair of county road department equipment;
- the purchase of equipment, materials, supplies, and services required in the administration and operation of the fund; and
- the purchase or manufacture of materials and supplies needed by the County Road Department.

The fund may be administered by the county engineer or another appointee of the county legislative body, but only the county engineer may determine the rates for the rental equipment owned by the fund.

Summary of Bill:

The rates for rental of equipment owned by the County Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund may be set by an appointee of the county legislative body, who may be someone other than the county engineer.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This bill is a technical fix. It was an oversight to not allow the engineer or appointee to set the rates. This bill is by request of county commissioners.

Testimony Against: None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Kessler, prime sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.